

## **September Indiana State Board of Education Narrative Report**

As I write this report we are in our second week of school. We have had a great start to the school year with very few discipline problems and an improvement in our attendance. Our enrollment has increased by 114 to 575 students.

Academically we are off to a great start. We started our tutoring program on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. We also have started a program by which our teachers hold office hours every night after school for extra student help, structured group study, and even parent workshops on how to help their student scholars with homework or class projects.

We were very pleased to start the first day with over 83% of the students who started on the first day being fully enrolled with schedules already built. This was due to our efforts in the spring to reenroll our students and get scheduling done prior to spring break. We also worked with Emma Donnan Middle School to get the eighth grade (this year's freshmen) students enrolled and scheduled before the end of last school year.

Furthermore, we held a Back To School Expo on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> in which 236 families attended. At the Expo families were given their scholars schedules, free fall athletic event passes, and were able to see the supplies and backpacks the students were given on the first day (donated by Deloitte). Also, we have formed a partnership with White Castle who served over 525 hamburgers during the Expo.

We will be holding our second Expo, Expect More From Your School Expo, on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. This Expo will feature our clubs, organizations, athletics, and services available to our families and students. Additionally, our fall athletic teams will be doing public practices/scrimmages and announcing the names of their players for the families and community to watch.

Finally, we will be holding a VIP (Very Important Parent) Family night on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The focus will be around families meeting with teachers and helping families understand our new PowerSchool student information system. We will also be introducing parents to our new Parent Resource Center.

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